MUST RAISE SHIPS AND STOP KISSING.

Hobson to Get a Quiet Tip from Washington.

Will Be Hurried Away to Work at Manila.



(Photograph by Falk.) Lips with Which Hobson Kissed, many Republican members of the House.

Hero's Osculatory Triumphs Not Meet with General Approval.

******************** HOW IT FEELS TO BE KISSED BY 200 PRETTY GIRLS.

By Osborne Deignan, Merrimac Hero.

It was a trifle embarrassing when 200 pretty girls at my house at Stuarts Iowa, began to kiss me. But after the first half dozen kisses I began to take an interest in it, and could have kissed all the pretty girls in Iowa, if necessary. I knew most of these girls. I had played pillow and keys with a good many of them when I was a boy, and it was like renewing old acquaintances to kiss them again. The girls wanted to kiss me to show their love for their country. I simply did what the occusion demanded .- In the Sunday Journal, November 27.

..... EDGAR SALTUS ON KISSING.

"Kissing is rumored to be very nice. Sporadic everywhere, it has in this part of the globe, recently and publicly, assumed the proportion of an epidemic. Hobson was the first victim. Then came Schley, latterly Shafter, next Deignan, and, if report be true, Sampson as well. Among them they did up a Spanish fleet, disarmed a peninsular army, resisted several varietles of Santiago fever, returned from the Caribbean without a scratch, only to flee-when flight was possible-before hordes of oscalutory girls.

"Hobson we knew all about. For Hero he is the nation's choice. The courage he displayed in guiding the Merrimac between the fires of Morro and Socapa was superb. But the nerve with which he made for cover on the flugof the enemy's fleet was delicious. After making Cervera a prisoner he made him a host. There is quartering on the enemy for you, and there is American humor, too. And yet the gentleman who did all that retreated before the fire of a pretty St. Louis girl.

"And there was Deignan. We know all about him also. Beatswain on the Merrimac during her run to ruin, he never turned a hair. It was after-ward, on dry land, that he showed the white feather, and no wonder, for no sooner had he reached Stuart, his lown home, than he was pounced upon and kissed by two hundred young women. One of them, a local reporter recites, held him like a vise. It required main strength to remove her.

"Later. Shafter capitulated. Then Sampson fell. So, too, did Schley. Bul-

letins from Evans and the rest of them are lacking. They are believed to be under treatment. The number of Rough Riders that have been assaulted our ink would blush to tell. Nor is the epidemic decreasing."—EDGAR SAL-TUS, in the Sunday Journal, November 27.

***** De Navy Department will probably order Hero Hobson to hurry up to Manila - Eight Recent Examples of Promiscunnd get to work roising ships, instead of Honizing around the country and kissing - ous Osculation by Hyptarical girls by the hundreds.

The navy is a blt keen about its dignity. and while it likes its heroes to show themelves it is beginning to resent the promismons kissing by the brave young fellow who sunk the Merrimac

When the one girl at Long Beach impul-sively kissed the Lieutenant, the country applauded; it was a genuine manifestation of the pride we all feit in him, but it

should have stopped there.

Along came Deignan, the boatswain on the famous journey into the death-sown harbor of Santiago, All hands and the ok kissed him, first in his native town and then wherever he went. People of girls at Stuart, lowa. women who made such fools of them-selves, but what was amusing in the case

1. Lieutenant Hobson, the + hero of the Merrimae, kissed by Miss Emma Arnold at Long

American Women.

2. Admiral Schley, after the destruction of Cervern's fleet. embraced and kissed by two unknown women at Washing-

3. Osborn Deignan, of Hob-son's Mercimne expedition, hugged and kissed by a mob

4. Mrs. Minnie Seligman (Mrs. Robert L. Cutting) wanted to sell a real singe kiss. for of persons for relief during that charity, to the highest bidder, time.

NO HUGE ARMY! ALGER DEFIED

Republican Committeeman Will Fight the Browbeating Secretarv's Bill.

Was Hington, Dec. 20.—When the cal with the measure as it came from the vote on the Hull bill authorizing a strict instructions from Secretary Alger to standing army of 100,000 men was put it three aken by the House Committee on Military ablican, declined to vote and reserved the sentative Sulzer said to the Journal:

istration is playing polities with the army, which nerves stalwart Republicans like Mr. Marsh to break away from party lines. By a Narrow Margin.

In the committee to-day the defection of Mr. Marsh left the committee practically seven for the Hull bill and six against. It will be reported to-morrow. The majority report only will be presented at this time. Later the minority will present this time. Later the manner, will present its arguments against the passage of the sill. The whole matter will go over until after the hollday recess. It is the intention of Chairman Hull to ask that only fourteen hours be allowed for debate-seven hours to each side—the vote them to be taken on this measure, which means the yearly expenditure of more than \$150,-100,000.

Places for Alger's Workers. The cunning touch of the politician Algerwas shown in the adoption by Mr. Hull's partisans of an amendment fixing the age limit of admission at fifty years. Strong efforts were made by the Democrats to get the age limit fixed at thirty years. Secretary of War wanted an opening his political henchmen should war in be declared during his term, and it of his henchmen must be men of

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Affairs to-day, Mr. March, of Illinois, Re- After the committee meeting, Repre right to oppose the bill on the floor of the believe that the substitute which I will House, His attitude reflects the feeling of offer for the Alger bill will be a very

House. His attitude reflects the feeling of many Republican members of the House.

Hostility to the Administration plan for a great standing army is steadily growing. It is augmented by the persistent efforts of the War Department to dragoon Congress into passing the legislation it wants.

Nearly every member of Congress receives daily half a hundred letters from starving wives and children of volunteer soldiers who enlisted only for the war. They plead eloquently for the discharge of fathers and hunsbands. But the War Department honors no requests for discharges coming from members of Congress.

Secretary Aiger says cynically to all:

"When you pass my bill for the standing army I will muster out the volunteers."

It is this open effort of the War Department to browbeat Congress, added to the daily growing conviction that the Administration is playing polities with the army, which nerves stalwart Republicans like Mr.

Senators Join Opposition. Members of the House and Senate

very much opposed to increasing our army to 100,000 men.

Senator Mallory, of Florida-If ye are going to hold the Philippines



GEN. SHAFTER TELLS ALL HIS WAR SECRETS.



Major-General William Snafter.

The Investigators Hear the Army Doctors Are to Blame.

Medical Supplies a Detail for Which He Was Not Responsible.

Praises Colonel John Jacob Astor and Other Volunteer Officers Who Served on His Staff.

Washington, Dec. 20.—General Shafter appeared before the War Investigation Commission to-day.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon General Shafter somewhat unexpectedly appeared before the Commission, accompanied by an aide, with a large portmantean, as though he had just come from the train.

After a brief preface he went into a detailed account of his preparations for the Santlago expedition. He said his plans were clanged three times by the department and once he actually started, but was called back by the report of Spanish war ships off the coast. He said the transport fleet was not sufficiently large to accompandate 17,000 men for any length standing army of 100,000. The following to accommudate 17,000 men for any length pluions show the sentiment in the Senate: of time at Men, but all were so anxious to take all the men possible. He admitted were better cared for in Cuba than they that he took chances in doing this, but

Touching the Signal Corps, General Shafter said he was a said.

take all the men possible. He admitted that he took chances in doing this, but said the weather was good and there was no mishap to regret. The men were regulars atmost entirely, fully equipped, and he saw that they were made as comfortable as circumstances permitted.

As to medical supplies, General Shafter said: "You know medical supplies are the one thing that a commanding officer or a line officer never knows anything about. The surgeon is sepposed to know what he wants. My medical officer said he thought he had enough medical supplies for the themporary service to which we thought we were destined. Events proved, however, that the surgeon was mistaken. The ammunition supply was ample."

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to tile ambulances," said General er, "I take the whole responsibility if. I ordered and supervised their ing. After events proved that it would been better to have taken ten or on additional ambulances and left that y wagons behind. But wagons can be a for two purposes and ambulances, and ambulances be used for but one. I took the wag, and the wounded had to be transited in them after the first day's fightfield in them after the first day's fight nounced that there were seventy cases and, whose captain deserted during the on the sick roll for the borough of Manchattan and the Bronx alone.

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